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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 21 November:

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A. Soviet Troop Disposition, Training and Troop and Supply Movements:

1. Dispositions:

Firing with artillery and light infantry weapons took place at the Templin training grounds between 2 and 5 November. Fifteen JS-3 and T-34/85 tanks, 20 trucks and 46 boxcars with troops were entrained at the Templin railroad station on 3 November while 12 to 15 x 122 mm field howitzers, 20 trucks and 15 boxcars with troops were entrained there on 5 November. Four hundred men of the 124th Howitzer Brigade and 8 x 203 mm howitzers were shipped from Brandenburg to Altengrabow on 10 November. Ten T-34 tanks of the 9th Tank Division were dispatched from Riesa to Koenigsbrueck on 13 November.

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2. Personnel Exchange:

By order of the Soviet High Commission, additional troop shuttle trains were to be made available on 9 November. Boxcars for RBD Berlin were to be equipped in Rummelsburg.

Sixty boxcars from Pankow and 60 boxcars from Rummelsburg were to be made available at Guestrow on 12 and 14 November respectively. Sixty boxcars were scheduled to be sent from Pankow to Neustrelitz on 16 November.

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It is estimated that 150,000 recruits have arrived in East Germany and that 125,000 discharges have been returned to the USSR. The induction of the 1935 class in the USSR has been confirmed.

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3. Vehicle and Artillery Shipments:

Two T-34 tanks and twelve armored personnel carriers were detrained in Eberswalde on 11 November. A shipment with 20 motor vehicles and 40 x 122 to 152 mm howitzers was observed passing through Leipzig-Taucha on 12 November. Ten model 37 152 mm gun howitzers were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Satzkorn on 12 November.

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## B. KVP

The results of the recruiting campaign have been unsatisfactory. The campaign is being continued with increased vigor, the main effort being concentrated on the recruitment of officers. It was learned that the number of new students at the Transport Officers' School at Potsdam equalled the number of graduates.

Comment: The basic training of recruits and the personnel exchange program is continuing. The motor vehicle exchange program is being continued at an increased rate. The arrival of guns, tanks and armored personnel cars appears also to be part of an exchange movement.

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